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RESPONSE A

This document is in response to the Office Action mailed on May 9, 2007. In view of the remarks and amendments in this response, Applicants ask the Examiner to reconsider her position regarding novelty and obviousness. An interview was held on September 14, 2007 with Examiners Parvini and Lorengo and this response is reflective of the arguments and discussion in that interview.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.